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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Several weeks ago we decided to learn all there was to know about technology, now and in the future. Actually spending 12 of 15 hours reading about the future of micro chips is mindboggling. The experts are talking about tiny chips running around in our blood vessels repairing damages and/or fighting bad germs... disease will be a thing of the past? Also, when your furniture may build itself and completely change when your fashions or whom changes. The other magical things to be done with tomorrow's technology will put a science fiction writer out of business, if and when it comes to pass. Did reading all that stuff make us any richer or even smarter? Nope, it will not put a single piece of bread on our table, but knowing and keeping up with how your grandchildren may be living is well it is actually interesting, if you can believe just parts of the dreams printed in the books published by the leading universities like MIT, Harvard, etc.

There is an ad in this issue of The Elba Clipper dealing with the Confederate flag. For years a Confederate battle flag stood in the chambers of the Alabama House of Representatives. Earlier this year it was changed and the official flag of the Confederacy was put up in its place. Some years ago we got into trouble by pointing out to some Confederate zealot from out of town, what was the historically correct Confederate flag. Our opinion that the Legislature had the right thing this spring will probably cause additional conflicts, but so be it. Representative Alvin Holmes reportedly was the first to bring up the issue in Montgomery, and he probably was hunting publicity more than anything else but actually got things corrected from a historical point of view.

Elba's Charles Hayes was featured in the Panama City, FL News Herald last week. Actually rebuilding of the storm destroyed beaches was the subject of the feature, but Hayes and two of his grandchildren were captured by the camera as they supervised the pumping of sand onto the beach. The reporter also got some good intelligent quotes from the Alabama boy helping those Florida folks repair their beaches. Charlie did good for our side!

Spring break mentality raised its ugly head during the past couple of weeks. We see it every year as high school and college students head from the schools to the beaches. Many of them drive like the devils and must pass anything in front of them, regardless of the dangers ahead and then each year there are news stories about too many of these youths dying in car crashes... either their fault or the fault of another person. Fault doesn't matter now, they are dead either way. It is so tragic to see the lives snuffed out before these bright and beautiful youngsters fully realize how great their life is and can be or what they can contribute to society.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 29, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument, one assault, and one unauthorized breaking and entering of a vehicle.

The following arrest was made during the week: one for assault. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving while driver's license are revoked, three for speeding, one for driving without a license, and one for improper passing.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MARCH 29 - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:40 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Taylor Avenue (8:49 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a skidder fire on Co. Rd. 418 (11:56 a.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to fire on Co. Rd. 418 (12:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Brunson Trailer park (1:33 p.m.); Elba Rescue Squad dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (7:20 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL 203 (by-pass) and U. S. Hwy. 84W (9:29 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 - River stage - 4.98 feet (6:16 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (6:39 a.m.); Prowler reported at Mullins Apartments (11:25 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 - River stage - 4.90 (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (3:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Coffee County Lake (9:14 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - River stage - 5.48 feet (6:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Martin Luther

Guest Column

Alabama State Senate Breaks Through Gridlock...

by Steve Windom, Lt. Gov., State of Alabama

At an hour when most Alabamians were asleep, some 10 minutes before 4 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, the Alabama Senate broke through gridlock and agreed to operating rules.

It is understandable that the public would wonder what the fuss has been about since the Organizational Session began on Jan. 12. It has simply been about fairness. Whether you live in Geneva or Hatton, Bigbeeport or Bayou La Batre, it's been about fairness. It has been about the ability of each member to represent his constituents.

Why all the commotion? Gov. Don Siegelman trying to continue his death grip over the Alabama Senate by changing the rules. These were rules that had been in effect for generations. These were the same rules that Siegelman himself had lived under when he was Lieutenant Governor.

We couldn't let that stand. If Siegelman and his cronies could run roughshod over the Lieutenant Governor's office, then Alabama would never have a two-party democracy. With that much at stake, we had no choice but to fight.

To be sure, this was not a Democrat-Republican issue. One of

the things of which I am proudest is that we have a bipartisan team of farmeded Republicans and Democrats. This was a fight between our bipartisan coalition and a core group of extremist liberal supporters of the Governor.

Our showdown with Gov. Siegelman, though, was about more than fairness. It was about common sense. For years now, Siegelman and his liberal special interest henchmen have buried so many bills in committees that it has become known as the "graveyard system." Among the bills they have killed are common-sense legal reforms that would end the abuse of our courts by a handful of greedy trial lawyers. These abuses have penalized us through higher prices, higher insurance costs and fewer jobs.

It's always struck me as un-American that one or two powerful politicians can strangle legislation that most of us want. I became a Republican and ran for statewide office on a pledge to oppose this system. I'm proud that as a result of our showdown with Gov. Siegelman we've put an end to the "graveyard system," once and for all.

From now on, any 21 Senators can force a bill out of committee, regardless of what some powerful committee chairman says.

By having evenly divided budget committees, we've hopefully seen the last of governors sending greasy, pork-laden budget proposals to the Legislature. Nor will any future governor be able to ram through his financial proposals without seeking bipartisan support.

It has been said that the public must still stand guard because of the hisses to control the Senate. This is true, but I believe with the rules we now have in place, we will begin to move on to issues. We will see many important issues handled in the remaining days of the legislative session.

Tort reform. We have needed to address the lawsuit abuse problem in this state for years. Gov. Don Siegelman, who killed it in the past, says he will sign any package we send him. We intend for him to have the opportunity to honor his word.

Anti-crime legislation. Gov. Siegelman has done a complete turnaround on this issue. He held the cloaks for those who stoned the package in the last four years. Now, he's for anti-crime legislation. Again, we believe he will have the opportunity to make a stand.

Election reform. We have another opportunity to enact a voter identification package that will ensure honest elections. We have had too

many examples of voter fraud in the past. We must deal with this. Gov. Siegelman made this the centerpiece of his campaign. The proposed constitutional amendment has passed the House of Representatives and is waiting to be introduced in the Senate. As I have believed that it is bad policy. But if a majority of the Senate wants to handle the issue, they should be able to do so.

The ability to deal with these issues is why the struggle over the rules was so important. The struggle was not pretty. Many feelings were bruised, but opportunity stands before us to tackle the issues.

This has been a particularly difficult experience for everyone involved. Embarrassing, expensive to the taxpayers and wasteful of the Legislature's time - and it wouldn't have happened had the Governor and his cronies been willing to accept the people's judgment in the last election.

Nevertheless, because of the thousands of letters and phone calls to the Legislature, we restored most of the authority that Siegelman tried to take away. We loosened the grip the liberal special interests have had in Alabama. And we've changed forever the way the Alabama Senate does its business.

From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

House Budget Protects All of Social Security Surplus
A historic new budget blueprint (H.Con Res 68) passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week. It breaks new ground in protecting Social Security and Medicare while providing more federal money for education, veterans, and defense needs. This Republican budget also finds room to give further tax cuts to American families, and makes a down payment on the public debt.

One of the hallmarks of the Republican budget resolution is its plan to set aside 100 percent of the Social Security budget surplus for Social Security. This means that \$1.8 trillion in payroll taxes and interest over the next 10 years will be locked away for Social Security, if necessary, for Medicare.

This strong commitment to saving and protecting Social Security has already generated support from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and 60 Plus.

In contrast, the Clinton Administration's alternative budget plan would actually spend \$146 billion of the Social Security surplus over the next five years and provides no Social Security reform.

For America's veterans, the Republican budget resolution proposes an unprecedented \$1.1 billion increase in VA health care funding. This contrasts sharply with the Administration's decision not to give any increase to VA health care next year.

The Republican budget plan is committed to improving America's schools by investing \$22 billion next year on quality elementary, secondary, and vocational education. This works out to \$12 billion

per student, and we have witnessed that democracy and our Constitution are indeed bigger than one man's pursuit of power.

There are many other points to the agreement, all of which combine to establish fair operating rules for the Senate. Members of the body are relieved the impasse has been settled through a democratic process, and are excited to return to work next week ready to tackle the challenges of our state.

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The real winners
Tuesday's agreement put an end to weeks of the most intense stalemate I have ever witnessed. I have never seen a crisis of this magnitude in the political process.

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Now the leaders elected by Alabama voters can enter the Senate chamber knowing they can carry out their jobs according to the Constitution. The know they will not be ignored when voting on or voicing opposition to legislation. They know the Senate will operate fairly, legally, constitutionally.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The civilian community in Alabama, Southwestern Georgia, and the Panhandle of Florida has enjoyed a long history of support and cooperation with Fort Rucker, Alabama. This relationship has developed into a unique bond between the communities in the Wiregrass and Fort Rucker.

The uniqueness of this partnership becomes quite evident with the MAST (Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic) program. For the past 25 years MAST has been, in a noncompetitive way, an important lifeline between the critically ill or injured victims and advanced medical care. MAST has been an important resource for Emergency Response Agencies to transport those critically injured patients from the scene to area hospitals. MAST remains an important and vital resource for area hospitals to move those critical patients, that cannot be medically cared for locally, to higher levels of care. MAST is a critical component during area disasters and mass casualty situations. The MAST program, at Fort Rucker (FLATIRON), is an important component of the disaster planning for Rescue Squads, Ambulance Services, Fire Departments, Industries, and Hospitals in FLATIRON's service area.

The entire Wiregrass Community, over the past quarter of a century, has established a "love affair" with our local MAST program. We have witnessed this relationship grow through the financial support of county and municipal governments, local industry and business, civic organizations, and individuals (the civilian component of MAST) has worked very hard to carry out its responsibilities and commitments.

Over the past 25 years, the Council, with the support of the community, has met its roles in educating the public and users of MAST; raising monies to meet its commitments; and providing medical guidance and audit for all MAST missions.

MAST does not compete with local ground ambulance services or air transports systems within the outside MAST's service area.

The men and women of FLATIRON, as well as the Administration of Lyster Army Hospital and Fort Rucker's Post Command have continued a commitment of service to our communities. Saving lives by providing emergency air transport to the citizens of our community is important. This commitment is greatly appreciated not only from the patients who are served by the program and each user agency, but also from each local municipal and county government.

Why is MAST so important? The services of FLATIRON, that are provided and approved in our area, simply cannot be duplicated. Story after story after story has been told of how, because of MAST, citizens lives have been saved and communities have been served. This "love affair" with our MAST program is not just "puppy love" but truly a life-long committed relationship.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best regards,
Bruce McNeal
Executive Director
P.O. Box 998
Dothan, AL 36302
(334) 793-8920

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After this filibuster ends, I would like to think that the Senators will renew their attitudes and overlook personal feelings in order to examine the bills, amendments, and resolutions that are before them. Especially the high profile issues concerning education funding and budget funding.

Let bygones be bygones, and let's go forward full steam ahead!
Sincerely,
L.P. Quinn
1915 Lee Road 117
Opelika, Alabama 36804
(334) 749-2560

Dear Editor:

What in the world is going on up there at the Alabama State House? I marvel at these legislators every time I pick up the newspaper. It's a good thing that Bob Jones is no longer the governor. Could you imagine the soap opera? He probably would have forced some company to come and periodically empty out the National Guard on a state of alert - in case the senators needed to be held at gunpoint for the remaining sessions of the session. I am sure that to think about all of this, it's like they are in the final round of an ignorant competition.

Until your next edition, **Bruce McNeal**
3417 Thomas Lane
Birmingham, AL 25215

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly express my appreciation to the House members of the Alabama Legislature for having passed House Bill 71 that will help ease the existence of illegal gambling. Even though this bill does legalize a form of gambling, at least it will be in a completely controlled environment. Also, it will bring in many tax dollars to our state, for which we have been desperately searching. We, the people of Alabama, do not deserve further tax increases for our state's basic needs. We have needed to look elsewhere for many years. I am glad to see that we have finally elected some officials who are evidently looking out for our wellbeing.

Thanks,
Benjie Polo
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Editor:

The Alabama Senators need to stop this madness long enough to realize who they are hurting with their pride. They should be ashamed of their preoccupation with power. On the other hand, the Alabama House of Representatives must be commended for taking care of business at hand. The Representatives should be proud of themselves for passing House Bill 71 that will provide major economic relief for the people of this state. Let the House members be an example to the Alabama Senators. Let's get busy!

Linda Kent
Birmingham, Alabama

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GREEN FAMILY

The family of Eula Green would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many prayers, visits, calls, food, flowers, cards, and all the acts of kindness shown during the loss of our beloved Mother. The thoughtfulness and love shown during this time of sorrow in our family will always be remembered.

May God Bless You.
Joe Green, Thomas Green,
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AREA DEATHS

OULIE IRENE TAYLOR

Ms. Oulie Irene Taylor, age 88, of 800 N. Drayton Avenue, Elba, died March 31, 1999 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Graveside services and burial were held April 2, 1999 at Pine Level Cemetery. Officiating was Dr. Robert Paul officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include two sisters: Ruby Weeks, Kinston and Beatrice Grantham, Columbus, Ga.; two granddaughters: Vicki Bandstra, Elba and Patti Johnson, Milton, Fla.; a daughter-in-law: Johnnie Travis, Tyler, Ala.

LESSIE R. DAVIS

Mrs. Lessie R. Davis, age 83, of Dozier, Ala., died March 29, 1999 in Andalusia Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held April 5, 1999 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Andalusia. Officiating was L.C. McMillan officiating. Burial was in Loman Cemetery with Kirk's Funeral Chapel of Andalusia directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Anna J. Smith; one son: Franklin D. (Faye) Carpenter, Lancaster, Calif.; one brother: Rev. John M. (Maggie) Bryant; one sister: Everline Burnett, Dozier. Four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; 13 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

GEORGE STACKHOUSE

Mr. George Stackhouse, born July 11, 1944 in Elba to the late Henry and Lizzie Stackhouse, died recently.

Funeral services were held April 5, 1999 at Jordan Grove Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. Daryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Gracie Stackhouse; one daughter: Bennie D. Caldwell; one sister-in-law: Lovie Caldwell; one brother-in-law: Felton Ellison; six brothers: James Stackhouse, Jerry (Flora Mae) Stackhouse, Sarasota, Fla., Jimmy (late Pearl) Stackhouse, Montgomery, Woodrow Stackhouse, Enterprise, Henry Lee

(Lou Seal) Stackhouse, Elba, Willie (Lizzie) Stackhouse, Opp, three sons: Sarah Whitaker, Mobile, Henry Foresight (Jessie), Samson, Lizzie B. Medley, Bellwood, Ala.; one God child: Reshonday Stackhouse, two step grandchildren: Sheila and Anthony.

VERA THOMPSON WISE

Mrs. Vera Thompson Wise, born April 29, 1913 to the late Dan and Annie Mae Thompson of Samson, died March 27, 1999 at her daughter's home in Florida.

Mrs. Wise was preceded in death by two children, Woodrow Blackmon and Clyde Thomas. Funeral services were held April 3, 1999 at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in Samson with Rev. Chester Hammond officiating. Burial followed in the Samson Cemetery with Hammond's Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her children: Betty Brown (Sylvester), Tallahassee, Fla.; Martha Wise (Far Rockaway, N.Y.); Parthenia Tapley (Walter), Far Rockaway, N.Y.; Clementine Wise, Inwood, N.Y.; Audrey Wise, Hempstead, N.Y.; JoAnn Irvine, Chicago, Ill.; Howard McKnight (Gladys), Tampa, Fla.; a sister: Christine Ward, Opelika; a brother: Irvie Thompson, Springfield, Ma.; fifteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren.

WILLIE FRANK YOUNG

Mr. Willie Frank Young, born Nov. 29, 1937 to the late Lesie and Roscoe Young, of Elba, died March 27, 1999 at his home.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by a sister, Rose Henderson.

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LIFESTYLES

Nancy Kimbro Turner to be honored on birthday

An 80th birthday party for Nancy Kimbro Turner will be given by her children, Barbara, Joyce, Mary Ann, Lynda and Lisa, on Saturday, April 10, from 1-4 p.m. at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Your presence is your gift.

Home & Garden tour planned by The Azalea Garden Club

The Azalea Garden Club will host a tour of the home and gardens of Bickley Cottage, 717 Buford Street, Elba, on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bickley Cottage is the former Deal house and was built in 1927. The home was renovated in 1997 by current owners Jimmy Harrison and

Al Baxter Jr. Cost of the tour is \$5 per person. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. Tickets may be purchased from Azalea Club members, at the Briar Patch or at the door. In case of inclement weather, the tour will be rescheduled.

Jordan Matthew Turner celebrates first birthday

Jordan Matthew Turner, son of Jordan and Tammy Turner of Jack, celebrated his first birthday on March 18.

Jordan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lee of Elba and Mr. Cally Turner and the late Mildred Turner of Jack.

He celebrated his birthday with a "Winnie the Pooh" party on March 20 with family and friends at his home.

Blood Drive to be held at Elba High School

Elba High School will sponsor a blood drive for the American Red Cross today (Thursday), April 8 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the school. The community is welcome to attend and participate in this worthy cause.



Jordan Matthew Turner



Rev. Winston Jay
Spring Revival planned at Elba United Methodist Church April 11-14

Spring revival services will be held at the Elba United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, April 11 and concluding Wednesday, April 14. Evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The evangelist for the services will be Rev. Winston Jay, from Richards Memorial United Methodist Church, Pensacola, FL. Rev. Jay is a former minister of the Elba church.

Morning services will be held at 7:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served after the worship service.

For the evening worship service, on Sunday evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. finger foods will be provided. Monday-Wednesday nights supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street hold meeting

What a beautiful day when The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly meeting on April 1 at the HRDC building on Factory Street. Some of the members were busy and elsewhere but were thought and spoke of at the meeting. We all visited while some played dominoes and others exchanged news. There was talk of the many beautiful flowers, and a delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Pearl Farmer, Iris McDowell, Marion Brunson, Matt Brunson, Merle Bolding, Cora McBride, Barbara Dean and friend, Mary Phillips and W. Sasser.

A wedding day lunch was provided for out-of-town guests at Elba Elementary School Cafeteria by Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Carolyn Kelley, Mrs. Ellen Lowrey, Mrs. Pam Crittenden, Mrs. Peggy Stroud, Mrs. Pam Baker and Mrs. Peggy Baxley.

The couple was honored with an engagement party hosted by Mrs. Renie Alberstadt and Mrs. Marie Kelley of Mobile at the home of Mrs. Alberstadt on Saturday evening, May 16. Guests were treated to a seafood buffet and entertainment by a local guitarist/solent.

A miscellaneous tea honoring the bride was held in the home of Mrs.

Gantt Lake, 4 Taylor Landing, was the setting for a "Day-Off" Shower honoring the couple on Saturday, July 18. Upon arrival, guests were treated to refreshments on the dock and cruises on the lake. On the deck later in the evening, festive baskets held picnic dinners for each of the guests. Hostesses were Liz and Mickey Murdock, Melanie and Rod Robertson, Velma and Mac Moore, Nancy and Paul Morrow, and Myrna and Wendell Cotton.

Melissa was honored with a shower for the bride-to-be in the home of Mrs. Cathy Eilers of Mobile on Saturday, July 11. Other hostesses were Mrs. Mary Ellen Lee, Mrs. Linda Ramsey, Mrs. Reba Bisette, and Mrs. Karen Watkins.

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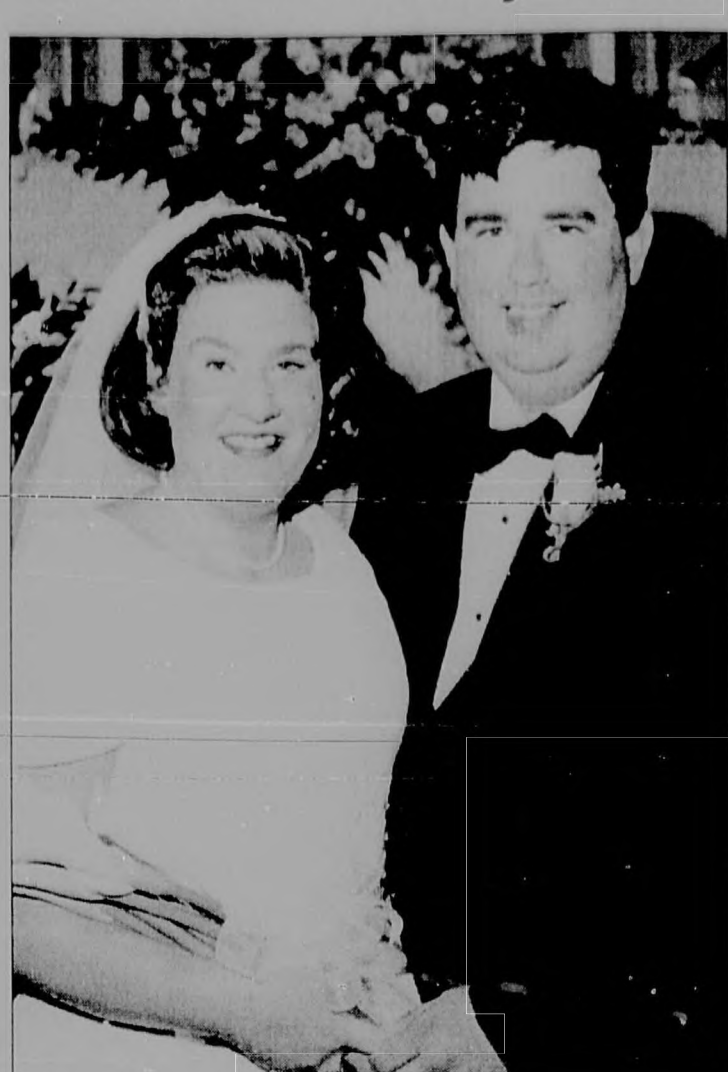
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Charlotte Clark of Elba on Sunday, July 19. Hosting this occasion with Mrs. Clark were Mrs. Pam Besole, Mrs. Barbara Davis, Mrs. Sam Bradley, Mrs. Karen Brooks, Mrs. Hughley Clark, Mrs. Pat Clark, Mrs. Wanda Corley, Mrs. Dixie Dorsey, Mrs. Ella Kate Ham, Mrs. Lucille Larkins, Mrs. Delores Marsh, Mrs. Edna Morrow, Mrs. I Belle Oggs, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Merlene Owens, Mrs. Linda Smith, Mrs. Grace Taylor, Mrs. Jamelle Tindal, and Mrs. Kristi Wilkerson.

After a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Fla., the couple resides in Mobile.

The wedding party was a rehearsal dinner at Elba Country Club. Family and friends reminisced after dinner with a video of the life of Mickey and Melissa, prepared from photographs collected through the years by the couple's parents. Guests were invited to stay for music and dancing.

A bridesmaid's brunch was given at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast on the day of the wedding. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Sue Parker, Mrs. Elizabeth DeVane, Mrs. Linda Mills, Mrs. Peggy Rhoades, and Mrs. Glenda Weeks.

A groomsmen's luncheon was held in the home of Mrs. Glenda Roberts of New Brockton. Other hostesses were Mrs. Mary Ellen Lee, Mrs. Linda Ramsey, Mrs. Reba Bisette, and Mrs. Karen Watkins.

Gantt Lake, 4 Taylor Landing, was the setting for a "Day-Off" Shower honoring the couple on Saturday, July 18. Upon arrival, guests were treated to refreshments on the dock and cruises on the lake. On the deck later in the evening, festive baskets held picnic dinners for each of the guests. Hostesses were Liz and Mickey Murdock, Melanie and Rod Robertson, Velma and Mac Moore, Nancy and Paul Morrow, and Myrna and Wendell Cotton.

Melissa was honored with a shower for the bride-to-be in the home of Mrs. Cathy Eilers of Mobile on Saturday, July 11. Other hostesses were Mrs. Mary Ellen Lee, Mrs. Linda Ramsey, Mrs. Reba Bisette, and Mrs. Karen Watkins.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom were escorted by limousine service to The Charleston House, Enterprise, for a wedding reception hosted by the bride's parents. Master of ceremonies for the reception was Dr. Robert Paul who began the celebration by introducing members of the wedding party. Music was provided by Michael McClendon of Troy. Mrs. Alice Haab and Miss Lisa Haab assisted at the Groom's Table and Mrs. Charla Grace and Mrs. Julie Adkinson assisted at the Bride's Table. Misses

Miss Joan Melissa Maddox and Mr. Michael Joseph Glavan III were united in marriage Saturday, August 15, 1998 at three o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church of Elba.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Reverend Martin Gray Jr. of Elba and Father Patrick Madden of Mobile.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Maddox of Elba, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph Glavan, Jr. of Atmore.

Upon entering the church, guests were greeted by Mrs. Meredith DeVane McClendon, cousin of the bride. Programs of the ceremony were given to the guests by Miss Tiffany Hobbs of Atmore.

In the sanctuary, the Baptists ledge held an arrangement of white sprays, larkspur, and clematis, with springer fern, 36-inch white tapers and assorted heights in white pillar candles were interspersed in this arrangement. Large arrangements of matching white flowers topped two columns in the choir loft accented by palm and fern plants from the garden of Mrs. Eirene Poole.

A program of nuptial music was provided by Mrs. Melanie Roberson at the organ and Mr. Art Williams at the piano. Vocal soloist Mr. Butch Oggs accompanied by Mrs. Melanie Roberson, organist, sang "Ave Maria".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of white satin. The sleeveless A-line silhouette featured a short empire jacket with cap sleeves trimmed in cutout battenburg lace and satin covered buttons down the back. The skirt was hemmed with a battenburg lace border that swept into a chapel length train. She wore a strand of pearls and matching earrings, a tie to her from her mother that had belonged to her late grandmother Lois Hudson. She carried an arm bouquet of fresh calla lilies stems arranged to include a lace-trimmed handkerchief from her late grandmother.

Miss Julie Parker, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor, and bridesmaids included friends of the bride: Miss Molly Mills, Mrs. Gena Boswell, Mrs. Lori Swindall, and sisters of the groom: Miss Elizabeth Glavan and Miss Elizabeth Glavan. Junior Bridesmaid was Miss Mary Beth Snyder. The bridesmaids wore floor-length gowns of shirbet coral crepe and carried an arm bouquet of calla lilies.

Glen Haab of Mobile served his friend as best man. Groomsmen included Paul Naylor, Robbie Naylor, Keith Haab, Brad Williamson, and brother of the bride, Michael Maddox. Nephew of the bride, Garrett Maddox, served as junior groomsmen. Ushers were Travis Vanlandingham, Bill Anderson, Tony Eilers, Brent Eilers, and Chris Eanes.

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Dr. TONY DYE, Pastor of WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPING

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17)

A man in a church I once pastored related a humorous experience about "spring cleaning" at his house. As he told of his experience he touched on a profound spiritual truth. He said, "You know, when I started cleaning out our storage room I found things I never thought I had." Similar to this fellow's experience, we accumulate sins in our lives that we never thought were there. Peter says in 4:17 that it is time for those who name the name of Jesus to "clean up their act." The reason for this is obvious. If we as Christians do not respond to God in repentance and obedience how can we expect those who do not know Jesus and His salvation to respond to Him in repentance and obedience.

There is another reason why we ought to do some "heavenly housekeeping." Paul told the Christians at Corinth, "For if we would judge ourselves we should not be judged. But when we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (1 Corinthians 11:31-32). There is a subtle distinctiveness about sin which, when dealt with, can bring the chastening hand of God upon the life of an individual. Hebrews 12:6 says, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Because God loves His children, he will not allow the corruptiveness of sin to eat away at the life of the Christian indefinitely. So, in order to be pleasing to the Heavenly Father and not experience His chastening, we must deal with our sin.

A third reason why we need to do some "heavenly housekeeping" is because God has provided a means by which it can be done now. 1 John 1:9 has been called the Christian's bar of soap. It says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We can have cleansing today!

What a choice we face in our lives — chastening or cleansing! As the old saying goes, "It's time to clean up around our own back door!"

C.C. Baptist Association to sponsor Clowning Clinic

The Coffee County Baptist Association will sponsor a Clowning Clinic on Saturday, April 10, from 9-11 a.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center in New Brockton. Target groups are adults, youth workers and youth. Please call 894-6411/5166 so the center will know how many participants to expect. There is no charge for the clinic, but please bring clown costumes and clown make-up if you have it. Some clown make-up will be available for purchase at the clinic.

Whitewater Baptist to hold revival services April 11-16

Whitewater Baptist Church will be in revival beginning Sunday, April 11, and going through Friday, April 16. Bro. Richard Collier will be preaching and Bro. Casey Speigner will be leading the singing. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Everyone is invited to come and experience this time of revival. The church is located 4 miles north of Enterprise.

Parker Family to be in concert at Johns Chapel

The Parker Family Singers of Birmingham will be presented in concert on Sunday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at Johns Chapel, A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise. Pastor T.W. Parker will be preaching and Bro. Casey Speigner will be leading the singing. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Everyone is invited to come and experience this time of revival. The church is located 4 miles north of Enterprise.

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"MALACHI"

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Church Directory

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Randy Neal, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD J.E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET J.E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Bills J. Reddy, Pastor Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martin Ems, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J.L. Grayer, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:30 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.	FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
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Scripture: John 19:17-30

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Robert Belcher Jr., Hannah Coleman, The Kelley and Hilliard families, Pearl Tills, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Collis Belcher, Lawrence Bryant, Johnnie Daniels, Isaiah Franklin Sr., Vick E. Lindsey, Annie Bell Flournoy, Mary Bell Belcher, Mary Bell. ***Reverend Willis Francis Bruton will be installed as the new pastor of a church in Albany, NY on April 18. Rev. Bruton is formerly of Elba. He is the son of Mrs. Annie Mae Balkum and was a member of Greater New Zion M.B. Church. Congratulations Rev. W.F. Bruton. Your friends in Elba are proud of you.

***Welcome to the Choir Anniversary at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Elba on April 10 and 11. There will be a community singing on Saturday night, April 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, groups and soloists are invited. A gospel singing featuring "The Traveling Stars" of Elba and "The Humble Servants" of Andalusia will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Deana Gilford

This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Julie Roberson. Julie is an employee at Medical Arts where she stocks medications and waits on customers. She is the daughter of Bob and Melanie Roberson and is a Senior at Elba High School. Julie is an active member of Senior Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, and Girl Scout Troop #300. She also serves as SGA President, FCA Treasurer and Co-captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders. In her spare time, she enjoys making scrapbooks and working out.

After high school, Julie plans to attend Auburn University majoring in Business. We are proud to shine this week's Co-op Spotlight on Julie Roberson.

Being Truthful, A Major Part Of Trust

by Natasha Bannin

The exact definition of truth differs from dictionary to dictionary and from person to person. Webster defines truth as "the state of being the case of fact."

Truth can mean telling what really happened and not some made up story. It can also be defined as admitting to friends or to oneself what is really felt in one's heart. Not being truthful with others and

with oneself can cause much controversy and confusion which will result in a loss of trust. Being truthful is a major part of trust. Webster defines trust as "to place confidence." How truthful a person is determines how much someone trusts that person. If someone trusts and believes in a person, they expect that person to be truthful with them. Truth can only be defined by

those who are truthful to themselves and to others. Being truthful with others can determine the further existence of truth as well as trust in the lives of the people all over the world. Truth is a very important quality that will continue to exist in the people of today's society and future societies as long as people remain truthful to and with themselves as well as to and with other people.

Tiger Tales



Anna Maddox
Editor
Daniel Murdock

Entertainment Group Encourages EHS Students To Take A Stand

by Reese Grantham
"Extreme" is an entertainment group that takes a stand against alcohol, violence, and drug use among teens. This group came to Elba High School on March 15 with loud music, dancing, skits, and...bricks. Yes, they brought bricks which they broke through with their arms and heads throughout the show in order to demonstrate the idea that young people can accomplish anything

they put their minds to. They taught students through skits that if they remain drug free, alcohol free and violence free, they can achieve their goals. At one point during the program, the group called EHS junior Jeb Dubose on stage and showed him how to rip a phone book in half. This was used to illustrate to the student body that drugs and alcohol are not necessary in order to be a successful person.



Guitar Virtuoso Entertains EHS Students

by Casey Henderson

On March 19, the students of Mr. Bruce's band class and several other students and teachers at Elba High School were entertained by a special guest during first block.

The special guest was Patrick Bruce, a student at Troy State University, who entertained the crowd with his outstanding talent, his guitar skills.

Mr. Bruce told the students and teachers about the guitar, its different parts, and the different types of guitars he had with him that day. After telling the crowd about the guitar, he demonstrated his skills and even invited some students to play with him.

Mr. Bruce also spoke on using his musical ability to help overcome problems in his life and how students should also use something besides drugs and alcohol to overcome their problems.

After Mr. Bruce finished his presentation at the high school, he went to the elementary school to share his talent with the younger kids. The students and teachers would like to thank Mr. Patrick Bruce for sharing his special guitar abilities.



Tiger Band News

by Anna Maddox

The clinic for auxiliary units and drum majors for next year's Marching Tiger Band will be held April 12-16. Hired staff will work with any students entering grades 8-12 who wish to try out for a position on the colorguard, danceline, or majorette auxiliaries. The participants will learn a try out routine from Monday until Thursday to perform for a panel of judges on Friday.

Drum major clinic will also be held this week. Those who wish to try out for this position must be entering 10th-12th grade and must have been in the band for at least two years. This try out will consist of an interview, conducting patterns, and conducting a song. Any young ladies or young men who wish to attend one of these clinics or who would like more information about the try-outs should contact Jeff Ellis at Elba High School bandroom (897-2266).

Students of the Month



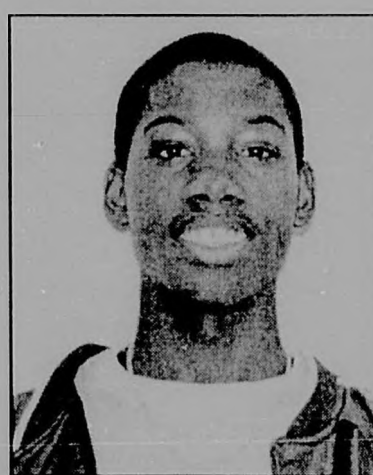
JESSICA WELCH

Jessica Welch is a junior at Elba High School. Mr. Lawford says Jessica has many worthy personal characteristics. She is always very cooperative and prompt. Her good attitude helps with the students, faculty, and her co-workers.



AYONNA PROCTER

Brandon Petty is an eighth grader at Elba High School. Mrs. Bowers nominated Brandon because she thinks he is the perfect student. He is good humored, respectful and maintains an excellent average.



WAYNE REED

Wayne Reed is a junior at Elba High School. He was nominated by Coach Brian Weeks. Wayne is very attentive in his assignments and has managed to keep a 98 average for the semester.



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AREA NEWS

Alabama farmers converge on Washington

Armed with concerns about depressed farm commodity prices and a bleak agricultural outlook for 1999, more than 300 Alabama Farmers Federation members converged on Washington, D.C., March 13-17 to discuss their plight with lawmakers and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials.

Federation President Jerry Newby, who lead the annual legislative trip, said government leaders were receptive to farmers concerns about restoring a financial safety net for agriculture, reforming crop insurance, ensuring fair interpretation of new environmental laws, obtaining funding for cotton's Step 2 competitiveness program and passing dairy compact legislation to help stabilize plummeting milk prices.

"The climate has changed in Washington," Newby said. "When the 1996 Farm Bill was passed, we were trying to lower the deficit. Today, we have a surplus. I think our congressmen realize that American agriculture is in crisis, and we're going to lose a great many of our farmers if something is not done about low commodity prices."

Ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, kicked off a series of meetings between Federation members and government leaders on March 15. Speaking on the challenges brought about by declining farm numbers and a world economy, Stenholm called on farmers to unite and work with Congress to pass laws that protect family farms.

"We as individual family farmers and ranchers cannot survive in an international marketplace unless our government stands shoulder-to-shoulder with us," Stenholm said. While in Washington, the group met with members and staff of Alabama's congressional delegation and was briefed on key issues by lobbyists representing the dairy, cotton, peanut and crop insurance industries. USDA officials also were on hand to discuss the status of domestic farm programs and world trade.



Members of the Coffee County Farmers Federation who attended the Washington legislative trip are, from left, State Board Member Phillip Martin, Miss Alabama Katherine Marsh, Joan Marsh. They are pictured with Pelham Straughn, an aid for Congressman Terry Everett.

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Ward receives scholarship at AU

Shea Ward, daughter of Robert and Sharon Ward of Elba, was recently selected to receive the Leticia Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 1998-99 academic year at Auburn University. This scholarship is awarded to Juniors or Seniors majoring in Nursing.

For her high academic standing, Shea also was recently named to the Dean's List for Fall Term 1998.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The House of Ruth, Inc. would like to make everyone aware that April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual assault continues to represent the most rapidly growing crime in America. If you, your club or organization would like to know more about sexual assault awareness or services provided by The House of Ruth, Inc., please call (334) 793-5214 or 1-800-650-6522.

Coffee County Schools Menu April 12 - 16, 1999

BREAKFAST
Monday - Biscuit, Sausage, Patty, Syrup or Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Shepherd's Pie, Fish, Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pancake, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Sausage Pizza, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Shepherd's Pie, Fish, Nuggets, Cole Slaw, Blackeyed Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Red Beans & Sausage, Corned, Oven Fries, Mexican Corn, Fruit, Rice, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Fried Chicken, Sloppy Joes, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Bologna Sandwich, Turkey Salad, Baked Potato, Onion Rings, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Slices, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

Annual statewide miracle ride & rally set for first weekend in May

The 2nd annual Miracle Ride Statewide Poker Run and Rally to benefit Children's Hospital will take place May 1-2. Interested participants from this area will need to meet at the Children's Hospital Clinical facility in Montgomery by 10 a.m. on May 1 and ready to ride to the Peach Queen Campground in Jemison, Alabama (Exit 219, I-65, East side of the interstate). No attitudes, No weapons, No Drugs - ALL ARE INVITED! There will be adult field event games, games for the kids, a ride-in bike show, entertainment, 50/50, food, vendors, swimming, camping, fishing and door prizes. Cost is \$20 for each participant and you receive a '99 Miracle Ride T-shirt and pin, Poker Run, Bike Show and Field Event entries. On-site camping rates are \$10 for tents, \$15 for RV's and there are motels nearby. For more information locally you may contact Angie Sherrill at (334) 677-5499, by e-mail at Angela.Sherrill@XMAIL.TCHA.UA.EDU or Dave "Animal" Ried at (334) 285-9478.

Beginner clogging class to begin April 26

There will be a Beginner Clogging Class starting April 26 at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Opp. The classes will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday nights for six weeks. For more information call 897-3488.

Peanut growers marketing meetings set for April 13

Two Peanut Grower Marketing Meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, in the Wiregrass area. The meetings, coordinated by the Alabama Peanut Producers Association, are being held to extend suggestions to growers and insight into the '99 crop year.

The first meeting on April 13 will be held in New Brockton at the County Extension System Building's Community Room beginning at 9:30 a.m. The second meeting of the day will be held in Headland at the Wiregrass Substation beginning at 1:30 p.m. Peanut growers and others interested in the prospects for this year's crop are strongly encouraged to attend one of the meetings on this day. For more information, contact the Alabama Peanut Producers Association at 334-792-6482.

CCHS sets annual rummage and plant sale for April 24

The Coffee County Humane Society will hold its Annual Rummage and Plant Sale on Saturday, April 24. This is one of our three main fund raisers conducted each year to raise money to keep the animal shelter in operation. We call on the public to help. We need your items to sell. So please do not throw it away just because you have a newer model. Donate it to a good cause. Help save the animals. We will accept dishes, pot and pans, lamps and lamp shades, used but serviceable small appliances, knick knacks, ceramics, clean serviceable used clothing just about anything. If in doubt as to whether we can use it, call 393-1743 or 393-4577. Also come and shop on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't forget... Secretaries Day April 21st!

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Business Session - 7 p.m.

Two gospel music groups will entertain at the CEC membership meeting



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In addition to six major prizes, about 30 other gifts will be awarded. Registered co-op members will receive a free light bulb and other useful gifts. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes, but do not have to be present to win the other prizes. Seating will be limited, so you may wish to bring lawn chairs.



CEC employee Susie Adams shows the major prizes to be given away (from left) \$150 cash, a color television, a videocassette recorder, a microwave oven and an electric grill with rotisserie.

The grand prize to be given away is a 1992 Dodge Ram 50 pickup truck featured above.

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SPORTS

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Dad had the house to himself last week as Mom and the girls headed to the beach for a few days of fun in the sun. I took advantage of their absence to work late two nights, but on the third night I crawled into bed early and slept late. I miss a lot about how loud it is when the girls yell at each other; however, I'll admit the silence was almost too good to stand. Now we are back to normal and the house is as noisy as ever!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers saw their record slide to 7-7 last week with a doubleheader loss to the Enterprise Wildcats, and has been the case in all but one of the losses, the Tigers failed to hit the ball and got blown off the field. When the Tigers win they score runs in bunches, but when they don't hit they don't do much of anything else. In their seven losses, they have been runruled six times. If the Tigers can find some kind of consistency in the field and at the plate they could still win a lot of games. If not, the cleats will be hung up south where anyone expected.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers will be the host team this week at the fifth annual Sweet Swingers Softball Classic. The Lady Tigers have never won the high school softball tournament, and aren't the favorites this year, but they should have their best chance ever at keeping the championship trophy in town. If the Lady Tigers will play hard and hit the ball, they could surprise some folks this weekend. Good luck!

*** I am a big Duke fan, but have to admit that U Conn deserved to win the NCAA title last week. The Blue Devils had problems on defense with the aggressive style of the Huskies, and in the end blew a great chance to score the final basket and win the game. It will be interesting to see how the loss in the finals affects the team that was supposed to be one of the best ever when the 1999-2000 season tips off.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has its team rosters in the newspaper this week, and as everyone can see, it will be a very busy spring and summer for the department, parents, players and fans. A total of seven leagues are being sponsored by the department in baseball, while seven leagues are also available for the girls that play softball. From those leagues the department will sponsor a total of 12 All-Star teams, which means that this summer the department will sponsor a total of 58 youth baseball and softball teams, with almost 800 participants ages 4-18 taking part. When the eight men's softball league teams are added, it means that over 900 people will take part in baseball and softball this spring and summer in Elba. No doubt where the action will be!

*** The Major League Baseball season will get started this week and the Atlanta Braves appear to be weak in the bullpen once again. The Braves had all but said Mark Wohlers would be the closer after a few good outings in spring training, but then Wohlers went out and walked five of the seven batters he faced in a game, and then the sudden there is still a big question about Mark in the pen. I guess I am ready to watch the Braves again this season, and see how they will lose this time.

Reserved tower seats are going fast for April 24 Touchstone Energy 300

Race fans that don't have their reserved tower seats for the upcoming Touchstone Energy 300 at Talladega Superspeedway could be out of luck by race day.

Reserved tower seats for the Saturday, April 24, race are up 300 percent compared to last year at this time, and all tower seats are reserved for the race, with general admission grandstand tickets sold at the gate the day of the race.

The Touchstone Energy 300 is the second half of a stock-car racing doubleheader that begins at noon on

the eve of the DieHard 500. Round two of the International Race of Champions will begin the day's racing action with 12 drivers from NASCAR, CART and IRL battling each other in identically prepared cars.

The final Winston Cup practice session for the DieHard 500 will follow the 38-lap IROC feature, while the Touchstone Energy 300 will take the green flag at 2:30 PM. To purchase reserved tower seats for the Touchstone Energy 300 call 256-362-RACE.

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Watch record slip to 7-7

Tigers fall twice to Enterprise 11-1, 10-0

The Elba Tigers squeezed in a doubleheader against the Enterprise Wildcats last week before taking a week off for spring break, and might have been better off to go on vacation one day early as they were ripped by the 6A Wildcats 11-1 and 10-0, in Enterprise.

The losses dropped Elba's record to 7-7, while Enterprise improved to 10-10 with the sweep.

The Wildcats scored two unearned runs in the opening inning to grab a quick lead, and upped their lead to 3-0 in the second, with all three runs coming without the benefit of a hit. Kevin Dodd singled, moved to second on an error and scored on an RBI single by Dustin Stinson as the Tigers closed to within 3-1 in the top of the third. However, Enterprise combined three

hits with two walks and two errors in the bottom of the frame to plate six runs and take a big 9-1 advantage. The Tigers put men on base in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, but failed to push across a run, and then watched in the bottom of the sixth as the Wildcats scored two runs to end the game on the ten-run rule with the scoreboard reading 11-1.

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Fifth annual Sweet Swingers softball classic to feature high school teams

The 5th Annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic will be held on Saturday, April 10, with 12 teams expected to compete in the annual slow-pitch softball tournament.

The tournament will be held at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, and will begin at 9:00 AM, with games set for all three fields. The tournament will continue throughout the day, with the finals set for 5:00 PM.

Teams expected to compete include Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Brantley, Samson, Goshen, Calhoun, Artoon, G.W. Long, Straughn and B.T. Washington. Admission to the tournament will be \$2 for the entire day.

Scholarships will be up for grabs at Enterprise State cheerleader tryouts. Tryouts of the 1999-2000 Enterprise State Junior College cheerleaders will be held on April 30 at 4:00 PM, at the college.

Athletic scholarships will be awarded to those chosen for the squad, with the scholarships to cover the cost of tuition and books for one year.

To apply, complete and return an ESIC scholarship application along with an application for admission and a copy of high school transcripts to ESIC by April 26, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. During the practice sessions material will be taught that will be used for tryouts and review.

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KALEB DYESS...of Elba, bagged his first turkey on April 1, while hunting with Tim Flowers and Chris Summerlin. The turkey's beard was 10 inches, the spurs were 3/4 inch and the gobbler weighed 17 pounds.



CHRIS SUMMERLIN...of Elba, bagged his first big turkey on April 2, while hunting with Tim Flowers and Jantzen Flowers. The turkey's beard was just over 10 inches long, the gobbler had 7/8 inch spurs and weighed in at 18 pounds.

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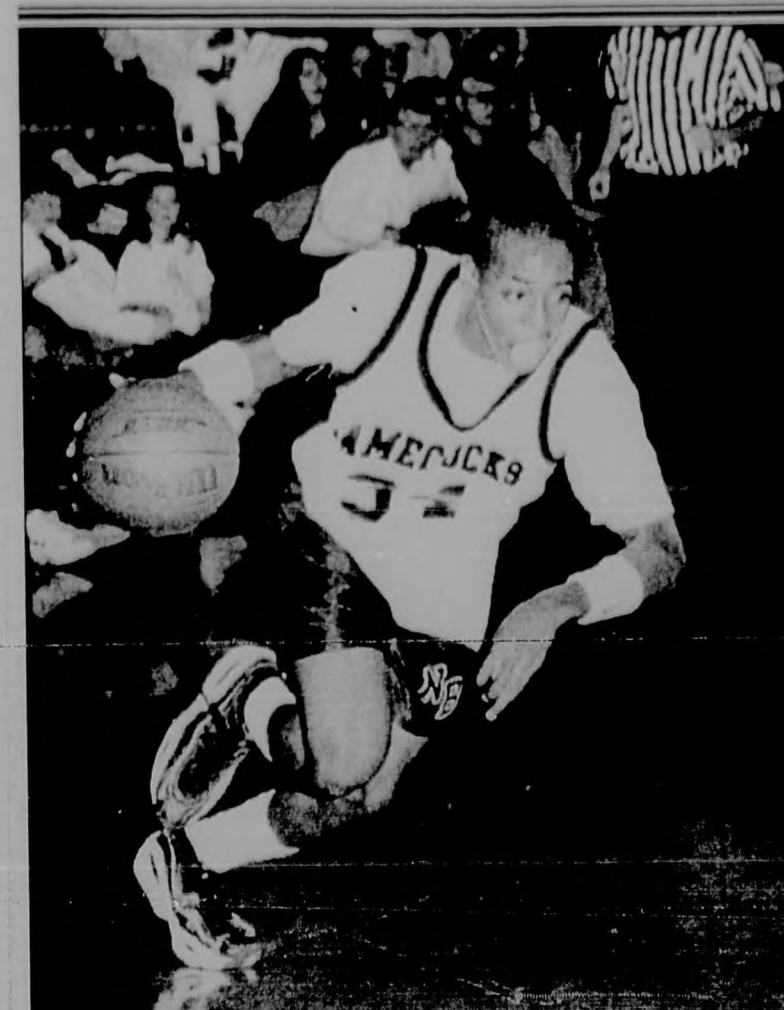
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Gamecocks' Thrasher named "Coach of Year"

County cagers named to Wiregrass "Super 12" prep basketball team

The Dothan Eagle released its Wiregrass "Super 12" high school basketball teams last week in Classes 1A-3A, with New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher and four area players being named to the honored list.

Coach Thrasher was named the "Coach of the Year" for leading the New Brockton Gamecocks to a 24-9 record, and a runner-up spot in the Southwest Regional. The Gamecocks owned a 10-7 record early in the season, but rallied to win 14 out of their final 16 games.

Area players named to the "Super

12" included Elba's Tim Ware, New Brockton's Kellen Cole, Zion Chapel's Josh Grantham and Kinston's Tiffany Rhoades. Ware, a 6-5, junior, averaged 17 points and 14 rebounds a game for the Tigers of Coach Marlon Johnston, while Cole, a 6-3, junior, averaged 15 points and 9 rebounds a game for Coach Keith Thrasher's Gamecocks. Grantham, a 6-1, senior, scored 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds a game for the Rebels of Coach Doug Branson, and Rhoades, a 5-6, senior, averaged 14 points and 8 rebounds for Coach

Amelia Rhoades.

Complete "Super 12" squads included - **BOYS** - Kellen Cole, New Brockton; Kevin Phillips, Houston Academy; Bayne Heersink, Houston Academy; Gianna Gilbert, Louisville; Lushers Lane, Geneva County; Josh Grantham, Zion Chapel; Tim Ware, Elba; and Lynorse Garrett, Cottonwood. New Brockton's Keith Thrasher was named the boys "Coach of the Year," while "Player of the Year" honors went to Geneva County's Lushers Lane. **GIRLS** - Jessica McLean, Houston Academy; Savannah

SILVER HAWKS - Mytisha Andrews, Victoria Hubert, Courtney Winters, Caitlin Edwards, Kayla Kerrigan, Brittany Edwards, Anna Beth Sawyer, Amber Hawkins, Chelsea Dempsey, Jessica Hilyer, Sarah White, Haylee Grant, Keli Green, Amy Hill, Katie Donaldson.

GIRLS TEE-BALL - **BLAZE** - Anna Neal, Brintley Williams, Katie Johnson, Bethany Wilson, Kerra Hammonds, Kayla Parks, Kendra Siler, Alexis Tillis, Kijah Wade, Chastity Slinker, Amber Hudson, Brittany Hay, Hannah Morgan, Adora Goosby, Audrey Deal, Briana Jackson.

CLIPS - Mandi Mullory, Kayla Johnson, Cordeshia Hooks, Jalia Bonham, BreAnn Austin, Molly McGuire, Kendall Cole, Katelyn Calhoun, Nikki Fuller, Ashley Snell, Taylor Creel, Jolo McBride, Emily Miller, Sarena Turner, Lindsey Carley, Courtney Rugg.

CARDS - Luke Simmons, Craig Cheesbrough, Bon Deadrick, Daniel Kelley, Trey Bradley, Cory Creel, Jarrison Harris, Greg Patterson, Josh Roberts, LeHill Shirley.

TIGERS - Heath Hollis, Will Sims, Brandon Griswold, Charlie Chinn, Nathan Foster, Cullen Martin, Zack Boutwell, Chris Thames, Kyle Purvis, Solomon Harris.

RAYS - David Stuckey, Justin Brown, Darian Pruitt, David Hawkins, Joshua Massey, Adam Crosby, Ben Johnson, Ryan Roehrer, Shane Griswold, Jamison Hearold.

ATHLETICS - Don Rhoades, Jesse Oglesby, Zachary Tyler, Clint Bradshaw, Trey Martin, John Jared, Jordan Flowers, Chafin Johnson, Graham Morrow, Austin Parrish, Caleb Bann.

BRVES - Sanchez Stoudemire, Cory Miller, Wesley Calhoun, Derrick Jackson, Justin Pike, Blake Qualls, Aaron Harrelson, Caleb Davis, Jahmal Brown, Cameron Smith, Bobby Hudson.

MARLINS - Chase Boutwell, Stephen Driggers, Nicholas Nelson, Andrew Blenn, Corey Parker, Martin McCormick, Matthew Gibson, Robert Paul, C.J. Johnson, Matthew Brumson.

CUBS - Nathan Calhoun, Gage Nalley, Cody Arnold, Jason Johnson, Justin Beck, Ethan Price, Blake Berry, Christopher Salter, Cordele Hooks, Will Gray.

BLUE JAYS - Adam Henderson, Randall Tyson, Antwon Tillis, Brad Sullivan, Ryan McCollough, Desmond Williams, Dimetro Tyson, Fluor Quann Hill, Donnie Hay, Dekembe Ballard, Jacob Forbes.

PIRATES - Bill Bludsworth, Trent Baker, Matthew Curran, Derrick Thomas, Ralston Moore, Brandon Bowers, Stephen Pope, Josh Tice, Curtis Rushing.

AS - Richard Myers, Coby Skinner, Kyle English, Brandon Petty, Justin Allen, Blake Lambert, Jason Curran, Shawn Stinson, Garrett Bowers.

REDS - Jody McCormick, Mitch Downing, Layton Griffin, Tyler Simmons, Justin Thomas, Channon Stuckey, Lance Wood, Josh Hart, Joshua Epps, Ozzie Crawford, Garrett Roberts.

METS - Joseph Sawyer, Dusty Medley, Lanorris Smith, Jonathan White, Daniel Hernandez, Eric Bowers, Tyler Stephenson, Richard Archer, Brian Allums, Justin Moates.

PHILLIES - Roster not available



ELBA'S TIM WARE

Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League releases team rosters for '99 season

The Elba Dixie Youth baseball League has released its team rosters for the 1999 baseball season, with six teams to compete for the league title. The season will begin on Monday, April 19, with games to be played at Elba's Legion Field and New Brockton's Recreation Park.

Following are complete team rosters:

DIAMONDBACKS - Kyle Cheesbrough, Drew Donaldson, Jonathan Bryant, Alex Hudson, Brent Parrish, John Sawyer, Matthew Hartway, Tanner Medley, Matthew Creech, Justin West, Wayne Eubanks, Kelley Cheesbrough, Zachary Riley.

DODGERS - Heath Danford, Brandon Dalrymple, B.J. Perry, Wesley McCormick, Richard Treadway, Josh Allums, Justin Allums, Adam White, Steven Hines, Ted Eubanks, Zack Strickland, Mark Windham, Tad Adams, Shaon Brown.

PHILLIES - Abe Childs, Justin Culver, Jacob Legg, Joshua Nelson, D.J. Stinson, Haley Wambles, Chris Leger, Hayden Osborne, Jason Sanders, Austin Smith, Joshua Smith, Luke Taylor, Inessa Wambles, T.J. Winters.

BREWERS - Heath Parker, Aaron Harrelson, Todd Kelley, Clark Skinner, Timothy Jackson, Chase Boutwell, Ryan Copeland, Matthew Snell, Joshua Parrish, Kevin Parks, Rob Allen.

ANGELS - Ryan Gibbs, Taylor McGuire, Bradley Bane, Chad Williams, Stefan Burks, Hunter McGuire, Drew Parker, Chase Graham, Dustin Rhoades, Derrick Manning, Michael Messer, Billy Crawford.

INDIANS - Alex Benbow, Adam Spicer, Evan Lew, Chad Boutwell, LaRay Williams, Shawn Abbott, Reynard Rogers, Lonzo Cook, Lewis Johnson, Juan Starks, Duke Carr, Justin Knight.

Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League releases team rosters for '99 season

The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League has released its team rosters for the 1999 baseball season, with a total of eight teams competing for the league title. Games will begin on Monday, April 19, with games to be played at Elba's Legion Field and New Brockton's Recreation Park.

Following are complete team rosters:

CARDINALS - Luke Simmons, Craig Cheesbrough, Bon Deadrick, Daniel Kelley, Trey Bradley, Cory Creel, Jarrison Harris, Greg Patterson, Josh Roberts, LeHill Shirley.

TIGERS - Heath Hollis, Will Sims, Brandon Griswold, Charlie Chinn, Nathan Foster, Cullen Martin, Zack Boutwell, Chris Thames, Kyle Purvis, Solomon Harris.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Lions Club Breakfast is crowd pleaser



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Band Day Auction set for April 17th

In conjunction with Band Day '99, the Elba Band Boosters will hold a public auction on the front steps of the courthouse. A multitude of items and services are being donated by local merchants and will be auctioned off by Ronnie Vaughan. Items will be on display in front of the courthouse at 12:30 p.m., and the auction will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. In addition to the auction, Band Day '99 will feature a wide variety of entertainment, concessions, carnival games, bingo, and many other activities for all ages. All proceeds from the day's events will directly benefit the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band.

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School children riding the magic carpet this week

Children of the Elba and Enterprise communities this week are riding the magic carpet of reading back in time for an up-close meeting with the nation's foremost patriot.

Children's story hours featuring readings from books on George Washington and his life are the key during story hours set for Tuesday afternoon in Elba and Wednesday morning in Enterprise.

Each library received five children's books donated by the Coffee County George Washington Bicentennial Committee whose members are from the John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Wiregrass Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The donations are part of activities slated in Coffee County this year to memorialize the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington on Dec. 14, 1799. The library in Elba will conduct its story hour after school on April 13 with members of both DAR and

SAR present including Richard A. Kemp II, Wiregrass chapter president, garbed in Revolutionary War attire.

George Washington Bicentennial community events are being held nation-wide during 1999 to recapture the history and memory of the patriots who built a nation from a desire for freedom and religious tolerance.

The Elba library program also provided a display of materials relating to George Washington that will be on hand during the month.

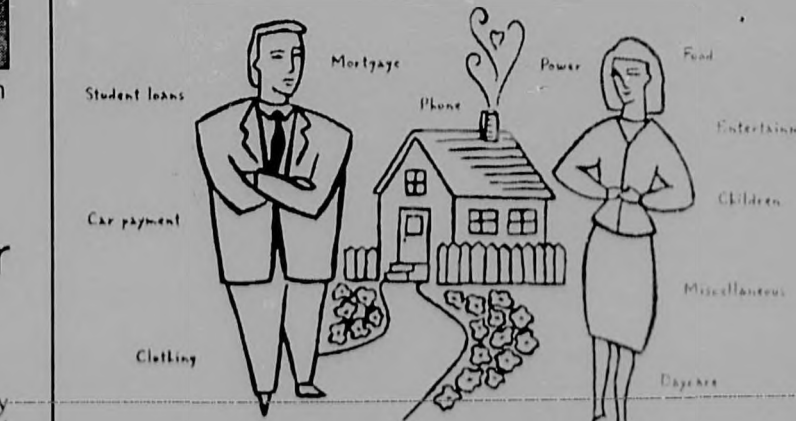
The story hour at the Enterprise facility will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14.

Mayors of both communities have signed proclamations relating to the George Washington Bicentennial.

Committee members also have flags flown over Mount Vernon to present to each community and plan a program next fall when the Elba High School Band will play the new "George Washington March."

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"Take Two And Call Me In The Morning"

Dear Mr. Ross: How do I ask a complete stranger for \$1,000? I've only read your column for a brief period, so I hope I do this right. I feel like a walking pharmacy. I take anti-depressants, cardiac, diuretics, anti-hypertensive and potassium supplement pills. That's on a good day. Generally I need to throw in stool softeners and sleeping pills so I can perform two vital aspects to life: elimination and sleep. My health insurance has been jacked around and I'm lost in a sea of red tape. Bureaucracy-schmureaucracy! If these darn pills don't kill me, the insurance company will, because every time I speak with someone there I can feel my blood pressure rise to dangerous heights. I've even had the nerve to tell me to take another pill to cool down.

What I need is to pay \$1,000 for a "spend down" and then each prescription will only cost \$1. When I explained my disability check barely covers rent and food, the gal suggested I turn to a relative or friend who may have more means than I. You're the first and only person I've come up with. I don't mean to burden you, but I'm losing hope fast. Can you throw me a line?

Mrs. K. H. ... The White Sheet, Yuma, AZ

Dear Mrs. H: The problem you're faced with is a growing concern for the elderly with health problems or for chronically disabled persons. And seeing as Western medicine is pill-oriented the problem is only going to get worse before it gets better. I'm sending you the requested \$1,000. May it help improve the quality of your life, in addition to restoring your faith in humankind.

Mr. Ross: I'm a 38 year old single male who has a decent job, a roof over my head and my health. Considering some of the amazingly bad choices I've made over the years, that's more than I have any right to expect. I want absolutely nothing for myself, but there is one small thing, if you could manage it by printing my letter. This past year I made a point of putting aside 50-cents every single day. It doesn't sound like much, but it meant at the end of the year I had \$182.50 to give to my favorite charity, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. If you could encourage people to make a similar effort for whatever charity they prefer it could really make a difference. Thank you for all your own generous efforts.

Mr. D. G. ... Queens Ledger, New York, NY

Dear Mr. G: I've influenced 100 people with your letter that means \$1,925 in charitable donations. If you've influenced 100 people, \$18,250 and 1,000 people would mean \$182,500 in donations a year. You are one powerful person! After all, 50-cents nowadays won't even buy a cup of coffee, but collectively it can make a difference in the quality of a person's life.

Hello, Mr. Ross: I wish you would send me \$50 so I could stock my pantry with 10 cans of corn, 10 cans of peas, 10 cans of beans and 10 cans of soup. My weekly income doesn't allow me to stock stuff like that. There is so much room, empty space, in my cupboard. I would also buy 3 boxes of crackers, chili beans, powdered milk in the large size, canned peaches and fruit cocktail. I promise I will buy the store brand only, rather than popular name brands. Thank you very much.

Mrs. J. G. ... Record Eagle, Traverse City, MI

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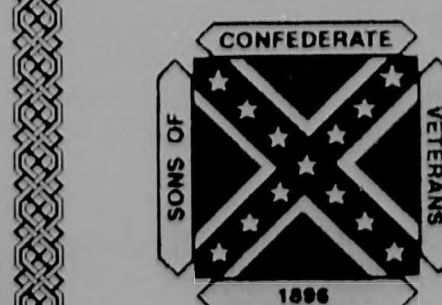
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ATTENTION CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 91

On March 10, 1999 the Alabama House of Representatives voted to approve the "deal" between House Clerk Greg Pappas and Montgomery Democrat Alvin Holmes to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the Alabama House Chamber. This flag was given to the House by the United Daughters of the Confederacy as a perpetual memorial to the Alabamians who served and died defending Alabama during the War for Southern Independence. Representative Terry Spicer voted to remove our flag. The flag removal was an insult to the memory of over 25,000 Alabamians who died defending their homes and Alabama. Please call Rep. Spicer (334-597-3862) and ask what motivated his support of this closed door deal which is an outrage to the honor of these Alabamians of all races that served with distinction and dedication to duty.

The House of Representatives Main Telephone Number in Montgomery is 334-242-7600. PLEASE CALL NOW AND SUPPORT THE RETURN OF THIS CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG TO THE HOUSE CHAMBER.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Alabama Division
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For more information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans call 1-800-My South (697-6884)



Darkness to Light Recovery Group meeting planned for April 13th

Christians in recovery are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Darkness to Light Recovery Group. The meeting will deal with people who have addictions. The meeting will be held Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. beginning April 13 at the Christian Missions Center, Multi-Purpose Building on Hildreth Street across from the main administration building in Enterprise. For more information please call (334) 393-2607.

Unit Family Support Group to sponsor Flea Market/Yard Sale/Bake Sale in N.B.

The Unit Family Support Group will sponsor its annual Flea Market and Yard Sale this Saturday, April 10, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the New-Brockton National Guard Armory. It will be moved inside if raining.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS
ALBERT E. SHEETS JR.

Albert E. Sheets Jr. has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Enterprise. Sheets, a 1995 graduate of Enterprise High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training on April 16, 1999. He is the son of Ron and Virgie Childs of Rural Route 1, New-Brockton.

Book Sale planned at Elba Public Library

To celebrate National Library Week April 12-16, the Elba Public Library will have a book sale. There will be adult and children's books and a few National Geographic's for sale. The hours will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. During the week, all overdue books can be returned with no overdue charges.

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days with 8 additional working days added to that time due to Hurricane Georges.

"The time was up on December 28, 1998 and we're on April 5," said Tindell. "You can see that this contractor is not making any progress at the cell. Ultimately, we have got to have somewhere to put waste and we don't have time to keep fooling around with this contractor to try to get this cell constructed."

"It is my recommendation that we terminate the services of this con-

tractor as of the end of the day [Monday, April 5, 1999]." Tindell also requested that the commission give the chairman authorization to negotiate an emergency contract with another company to finish the construction of the cell in a timely manner.

The motion was made and approved unanimously to follow the recommendation of the engineer. Commissioners also passed a declaration declaring that an emergency situation did exist, and that failure to complete the construction of this cell could affect the health and welfare of county residents.

During the discussion of the motion, Tindell, and the county attorney Kenneth Fuller, made it clear that several attempts were made to work out a suitable agreement with STRANCO, Inc. to allow them to finish the contract, however, all of their endeavors were without success.

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Representatives of the company, through their attorneys, were informed of Monday's meeting and invited to attend and offer an explanation of their past actions; but they asked that the meeting be delayed a week. They were told that there would be no postponement.

According to Tindell, the construction of Cell 4 is at about 40 percent and the county has paid STRANCO approximately \$340,000 for their work on the project. The contract signed by STRANCO contained a performance bond for 100 percent of the cost of the project should they fail to meet the terms and complete the project.

When asked about the credibility of the company, Tindell said that in his inquiries about STRANCO at the time of the bidding, he was told they were slow but in other cases had done the job. Also, they had a state contractor's license and were the low bidder on the project, and state bid law required the county to accept the low bid.

Elba receives CDBG for U.S. Hwy. 84W sewer project

The Elba City Council met in special session last Thursday afternoon to approve a resolution to complete the paperwork to accept a \$294,106 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to for sewer improvement and extension in the Old Curtis Road area.

The grant will be matched with \$98,035.33 in local funds, bring the total cost of the project to \$297,985.00. It will include installing of collection lines and two sewer pumping stations.

The letter from Governor Don Siegelman to Elba Mayor James Grimes announcing approval of the grant had a handwritten note urging Grimes to thank Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for their tireless efforts on Elba's behalf.



Calico Fort Plans 28th Annual Event

The tantalizing aroma of hickory and pine, the smell of candles and herbs, the distant sound of the Indian drums and merry chatter and laughter... have all become a permanent part of Calico Fort Arts and Crafts Fair in Fort Deposit, Alabama.

This twenty-eighth annual Calico Fort is planned to be bigger and better than ever. Scheduled for April 10 and 11, visitors of every age will find something to see, to buy, to learn and to enjoy.

Exhibitors, approximately 275 from fifteen states including the Carolinas, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Arkansas, Louisiana, New York, Florida, and every part of Alabama, have been specially selected to represent the best artisans and craftsmen in their respective areas. One can expect to find hand-sewing, painted clothing, musical children's clothing, wood works, leather goods, stained and beveled glass, fish scale art, wind chimes, toys of every sort, jewelry designers, pine needle and basket weaving, hammock chairs and swings, furniture in cypress, twig and vine, bird houses, oil, pen & ink and pastel art and plants of all kinds. Special attractions include blacksmiths demonstrating

their talents, a glass blower, the Sand Man, Elvin King with his chain saw carvings, and a live soap maker. There will be the candle makers and a designer of elegant Victorian pillows.

Food, food and more food will be a special treat as the men and women of Fort Deposit prepare tons of chicken and pork barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers and sweet confections of every sort. This year one of our exhibitors will demonstrate the fine art of producing delicious home-made ice cream.

Continuous entertainment is always present in the Fort's natural amphitheater. Featured attractions will include The Southern Comfort Band, the Persimmon Creek Cloggers, the Ridgecrest Baptist Vespers Bells and dancers scheduled during the two-day event.

Fort Deposit is located thirty miles south of Montgomery and fifteen miles north of Greenville, just off I-65. Signs will mark the route from the Interstate into the Fort. Gates are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day and admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Make plans now to join in the fun of the twenty-eighth annual event on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11.

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ment had received a 100 percent grant for overtime on radar enforcement and a DUI checkpoint. The possibility of acquiring a grant for bulletproof vests and the hiring of an additional police officer is "being looked into."

Reports were also given to the council by street department and Senior Citizen Center personnel. Tony Bloodworth told members of the council that his department was at 56 percent of its annual budget and all the dirt streets within the town had been made "all-weather roads" except Pearl Street. He noted that this road had not been used in a long time and it was taking quite a bit of work to get it into shape.

Joy Kelley said a lot of much needed work had been completed on the senior center, but in the near future a roof will be needed as well as floor covering.

She also said the center was working toward getting a new van. The center has \$2,582.30 in the "van fund" and is continuing to raise funds for this and other projects.

The council approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$29,537.22. The next meeting of the council will be Monday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in city hall.

Councilman Rodger Harrison

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Road paving priority becomes hot topic in commission meeting

by Marvin McLain, Editor

"On Monday's regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission, roads were the 'hot' topic of the day.

During the general business from the commission's session of the meeting, a long discussion ensued when Commissioner Doug Dalrymple



Commissioner Doug Dalrymple

sought to have two roads, 721 and 722 (in reality one stretch of road approximately 2 miles long), in his district moved up on the paving list.

According to the "paving priority list" adopted by the commission several months ago, County Road 157 followed by 231 and 601 are the next roads to be paved; however, the commission had agreed to "work in" these two roads should, at the end of the paving season, the highway department need a small project to work on.

County Engineer Randy Tindell estimated the project would take 6 to 8 weeks to complete since the

major preparation has already been done.

Dalrymple's contention was that this paving project could be done while the paperwork (securing of right-of-way deeds) and fence moving was being done on the other paving projects. He noted that the plans on this road (721-722) had been drawn up since 1968.

A motion was made by Dalrymple to pave these two roads. It was seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimsley.

During the discussion of the motion, Commissioner Linda Westbrook expressed a concern that if these roads were moved up on the schedule, money already budgeted for roads on the three-year plan could be spent leaving no funds for "planned projects."

Commissioner Robert Stephens expressed concern about "skipping about" on paving projects. He noted that everything was ready on Co. Rd. 601 (third on the prioritized list), and it could be paved now if shifting the schedule was going to be the rule.

The engineer told commissioners everything was moving along on Co. Rd. 157 but time is required for landowners to move their fences and for construction crews to cut trees and clear right-of-ways in preparation for the work-up of the roadbed for paving.

Commissioner Grimsley spoke in favor of the motion saying that parts of Co. Rd. 157 that are ready could be worked on while the paving of Dalrymple's roads was being done. This would mean the dividing of highway department personnel which in turn could cause the work on Co. Rds. 721 & 722 to take longer than 6 to 8 weeks.

Commissioner Len Averett, whose district Co. Rd. 157 is located, voiced his objection saying he was not in favor of anything that would slow the paving process on that road. He noted that this project has taken 25 years to finally become a reality.

Finally, the vote was taken on Dalrymple's motion with Commissioners Grimsley and Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis voting with Dalrymple while Commissioners Westbrook,

Stephens and Averett opposed the motion. Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained. The motioned failed 3-3-1.

Commissioner Dalrymple voiced his displeasure with the outcome of the vote on his motion.

A request from Commissioner Averett on the behalf of residents on Co. Rd. 157 that the right-of-way width be reduced from 80 feet to 60 feet was denied by the commission upon the advice of the engineer.

the Elba Industrial Park which had been asked for by Cash Brothers Leasing to expand their operation. The council approved the acquisition of the land, which includes the existing Cash facility, at \$2,500 per acre.

Robbie & Sons has expressed an interest in leasing the part of the old Jr. High building which had been used by Guy's Lawn mower Service, according to City Clerk Donnie Morrow. The clerk told council members the firm would use the additional space to expand their operation and seek some government laundry and cleaning contracts. Morrow said they would be adding 3-phase electric service, but other than that, there should be no expense to the city. The council authorized the mayor and city clerk to enter into a lease with the company on the property.

Monthly bills totaling \$38,275.65 were approved for payment. This included \$9,560.18 for vehicle and equipment repair (Grimes said the major part of this was for back hoe and front loader work); \$2,322.19 for radio maintenance and repair; \$745.47 was gas pump project; \$9,704.59 was the cost of recreation team uniforms and equipment; \$1,280 is the annual flood insurance

on the library; \$2,732.23 was for pipe and rock; \$818.59 is Elba's share of the Coffee County EMA operations budget; and \$1,001.15 for police uniforms.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that Officer Doug Weeks has resigned effective the end of the month to take a state job in Houston County. Weeks is also on leave for the next two weeks. He added that Officer John Bryan had just had heart surgery and would be out at least two more months and another officer was going to school soon. Then he explained that the department needed another certified officers immediately to eliminate some of the overtime. The council voted to allow the additional officer now, rather than waiting until after Weeks completes his vacation and is officially gone.

Whitworth also gave council members a summary report on police activities for the past year. It showed the number of criminal cases filed, the number solved and the number still pending. The percentage of Burglary, B&EMV and Theft of Property cases solved was each less than 50%, but the death investigations, rape and sexual abuse cases carried a 100% solution rate.

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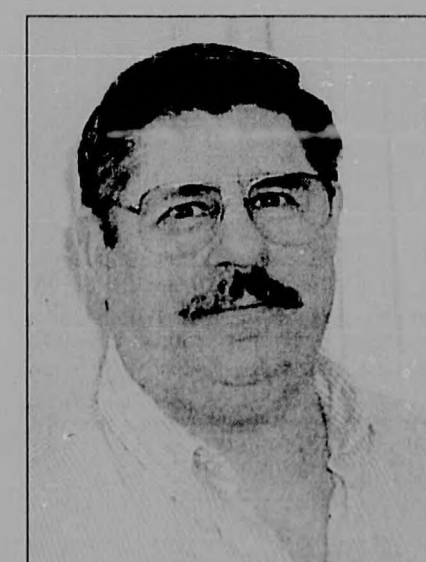
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Area Happenings

COUNTY BOARD MEETING. The next regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education has been rescheduled for Thursday (TONIGHT), April 15, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office located in Elba.

ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS. The Elba Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a legislative breakfast for Friday (IN THE MORNING), April 16, at 7:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship hall. Guest speakers will be State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer. All CHAMBER MEMBERS are encouraged to attend.

ELBA BAND DAY 1999. Elba Band Boosters will sponsor their annual band day on the Courthouse Square on Saturday, April 17th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Many activities are planned including a variety of live entertainment, arts and crafts, jail-for-bail, barbecue sale, a live remote broadcast from WZLZ, bingo, face painting, concessions, and an auction. All proceeds from Band Day '99 will benefit the band in the purchase of much needed items to continue the proud tradition of a top notch high school band.

NEW BROCKTON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Kindergarten registration for the 1999-2000 school year will be held at New Brockton Elementary School on Tuesday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Children must be five years old on or before September 2, 1999 to attend Kindergarten. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and Alabama Immunization records. Children are encouraged to attend the registration with their parents. In order to adequately prepare for the new school year, it is important for each child to be registered. For more information, please call the school office at 894-6152.

KINSTON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Kinston Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, April 28 from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The child being registered must be 5-years-old on or before September 2, 1999 in order to attend. Please bring your child and the following information to registration: birth certificate, immunization forms, Social Security card, proof of residence (utility bill, apartment/home lease, etc.). It is important to note that students and parents/guardian must reside in Coffee County. Hearing, vision and speech screening will be provided.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reported to board members on the healthy status of the general fund, the child nutrition program and other financial accounts. He noted the school system is \$50,000 better off than it was at this time last year.

Pearce recommended the board hire Julius head as head football coach and Physical Education teacher. He reported that head has 27 years experience, 23 of those are in Alabama. He comes to Elba from Goshen, in Pike County and will be in Elba for the annual spring training later this spring.

The board adopted the recommended school calendar for the 1999-2000 school year after the superintendent told them the teaching staff and administration had all reviewed this schedule. School will begin for students on August 10th, 1999 and the final day of classes for students will be May 17, 2000.

Assistant Superintendent David Stokes presented board members with the recommended list of test books for Social Studies, Spanish and Music for official approval.

The board approved the list with one reservation. After Dr. Lance Dyess expressed reservations over a Sociology and a Psychology text book, the board unanimously asked that Board member Reverend A. R. Williams first read the text books before the school purchased either of them. If Reverend Williams approves either of the books, the board approval is automatic.

National Library Week is a time set aside to recognize a place that every person depends on at some point in time for information and/or entertainment.

National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 and is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

National Library Week is being observed this week, April 11-17, and local libraries have been celebrating this all important week in various ways. After all, it is a time to celebrate the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. It is not to focus on one group of libraries. It is for all types — school, public, academic and special.

"It's a special week for us because it spotlights the library and books," said Joanie Doggett, Elba Elementary School librarian. "It is our chance to show people what all we have to offer."

And, National Library Week is something that goes beyond the library and its personnel. Elba Mayor James Grimes signed proclamations at both the Elba Public Library and Elba High School Library proclaiming April 11-17, 1999 as National Library Week for our city.

In an attempt to create a stronger awareness of the library, Margaret Calhoun, Elba High School librarian, said several public service announcements recorded by students during their time during the week to spend with the students were: Alabama State Representative Terry Spicer, former Elba Elementary School principal Judy

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*** NEWS BRIEF ***

An electrical fire in the Coffee County Jail Monday morning posed no threat to prisoners housed in the New Brockton facility. According to Sheriff Ben Moates, shortly after 8 a.m. corrections officers activated the fire alarm after noting smoke in a cell block. All prisoners were evacuated into the exercise yard or into another part of the jail. It was discovered that a short in an air conditioning unit had set fire to the filter causing more smoke than anything else. There was little or no damage to the structure. The unit was housed in an area where there were no combustible materials to fuel the blaze. After the fire burned itself out, the jail's ventilation system was activated clearing the facility of smoke. Officers used the opportunity (innate evacuation) to search the cell blocks for contraband. Sheriff Moates commented that the only thing found was pornography. He did not know how it was smuggled into the jail. Inmates were returned to their cells around 11 a.m.

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